

MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Introduction

Malvern Town Council is committed to transforming Malvern into a cleaner, greener town and developing a more sustainable community that will benefit residents, businesses and visitors as well as future generations.

We recognise that the day-to-day operations of the council can impact both directly and indirectly on the environment and we will work to protect and improve the environment, through good management and by adopting best practice.

Our Environmental Policy supports these goals. Through it we will use our powers and influence to protect and enhance the environment and make continual improvement in our own environmental performance.

In this document, 'The Council, and 'The Town Council' refer to Malvern Town Council.

It should be read in conjunction with Malvern Town Council's Environmental Strategy.

Malvern Town Council will:

1. regularly measure the Council's carbon footprint and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from Town Council activities year on year, working towards carbon neutrality and promoting the same in the community.
2. review and report annually to Full Council the progress in achieving the targets set out in the Town Council's environmental action plan.
3. comply fully with all relevant legislation and where possible set standards which are more stringent.
4. integrate environmental concerns and impacts into all our decision making and activities.
5. seek to protect and, where possible, enhance the quality of the natural environment of Malvern and its open spaces.
6. promote the efficient use of materials and resources throughout the Council, re-use or recycle where possible and seek to minimise waste.
7. purchase recyclable or recycled products and materials when available and economically suitable.
8. strive to ensure sustainable procurement where possible and require, where appropriate, suppliers to provide environmental assessments of their environmental impacts and life cycle analysis of major products.
9. encourage council staff, councillors and members of the public to support and promote the Town Council's Environmental Policy.
10. work with other agencies and the wider community to promote best practice in environmental management.